

REMARKS

In accordance with the foregoing, claims 18 and 27-52 have been withdrawn. Claims 1-52 are pending, and claims 1-17 and 19-26 are under consideration. Withdrawn claims 28, 38, and 48-52 have been amended to depend from an elected claim such that the withdrawn claims 18 and 27-52 are in condition for rejoinder on allowance of the elected claims. MPEP 821.04. No new matter is presented in this Amendment.

As a point of clarification, in the Office Action, the Examiner indicates that only claims 1-26 are pending. However, as applicants have not cancelled pending claims 27-52, it is respectfully submitted that claims 1-52 are pending, consistent with the Office Action mailed December 28, 2006.

REJECTIONS UNDER 35 U.S.C. §102:

On pages 2-8 of the Office Action, the Examiner rejects claims 1-17 and 19-26 under 35 U.S.C. §102(e) in view of Park et al. (U.S. Patent No. 7,188,271). The rejection is respectfully traversed and reconsideration is requested.

As a point of clarification, the instant application is based on Korean Patent Application No. 2003-2091 filed on January 13, 2003 in the Korean Intellectual Property Office, Korean Patent Application No. 2003-2092 filed on January 13, 2003 in the Korean Intellectual Property Office, and Korean Patent Application No. 2003-12867 filed on February 28, 2003 in the Korean Intellectual Property Office. Certified copies of Korean patent application no. 2003-2091, Korean Patent Application No. 2003-2092, and Korean Patent Application No. 2003-12867 were filed in the United States Patent and Trademark Office, as acknowledged by the Examiner on page 1 of the Office Action. Further, enclosed are English translations of Korean patent application no. 2003-2091, Korean Patent Application No. 2003-2092, and Korean Patent Application No. 2003-12867, along with corresponding statements from the translator in compliance with 37 CFR 1.55(a)(4). As such, it is respectfully submitted that the applicants have established a date of invention of at least February 28, 2003. MPEP 201.15. Since Park et al. has a U.S. filing date of September 26, 2003, it is respectfully submitted that Park et al. is not available as prior art under 35 U.S.C. §102(e) since Park et al. was not filed in the United States prior to the applicants' invention. MPEP 706.02(b). Since Park et al. does not appear to otherwise qualify as prior art, it is respectfully requested that the Examiner withdraw the rejection of claims 1-17 and 19-26 in view of Park et al.

REQUEST FOR CONFIRMATION OF CONSIDERATION OF TIMELY FILED INFORMATION
DISCLOSURE STATEMENT:

On April 4, 2007, the applicants timely filed an Information Disclosure Statement pursuant to 37 C.F.R. 1.97, a copy of which can be found in the Image File Wrapper. However, in the Office Action, the Examiner did not provide confirmation that the references submitted in the Information Disclosure Statement have been considered. Consistent with the Patent Application Information Retrieval (PAIR) system, which indicates that these references have been considered, it is respectfully requested that the confirmation be provided in a future action.

CONCLUSION:

There being no further outstanding objections or rejections, it is submitted that the application is in condition for allowance. An early action to that effect is courteously solicited.

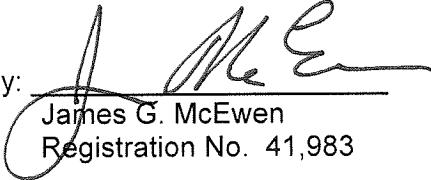
Finally, if there are any formal matters remaining after this response, the Examiner is requested to telephone the undersigned to attend to these matters.

If there are any additional fees associated with filing of this Amendment, please charge the same to our Deposit Account No. 503333.

Respectfully submitted,

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